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HARD TO DEFINE

Without friends, life would hardly be worth the living. Yet, it is safe to say that the average New Bernian can't define friendship in just so many words.

More articulate was the little boy who won first prize in a national contest with this definition. "A friend," he scrawled in pencil on tablet paper, "is somebody who knows all about you and loves you just the same."

Rather than burden you with our own definition of a friend, we figured you might be interested in the thoughts of others, garnered from the dusty annals of time. Digging into the writings of men both famous and wise, this is what we found.

"A friend," observes Emerson, "may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature." And quite a few centuries ago a gentleman by the name of Aristotle expressed it even more simply but no less eloquently. "A true friend is one soul in two bodies," he penned for the ages.

Wordsworth admonished us thusly—"Of friends, however humble, scorn not one." That's pretty good advice for the fellow who discards a number of his considerate and kind associates as he climbs the ladder of success. If he should tumble from the top rung, which is often the case, they would come in handy just to break his fall.

Michelet contributed as the obvious when he wrote, "The way to gain a friend is to be one." It shouldn't be necessary for us to be told that, but it's lamentably true we overlook this basic fact in a good many instances. You can bank on the words of Thackeray—"It is a friendly heart that has plenty of friends."

Of something else you can be quite sure, real friendship isn't measured in dollars and cents. George D. Prentice recognized this when he wrote, "A friend that you have to buy won't be worth what you pay for him, no matter what that may be."

Plutarch lived a long time ago, but nothing in this modern world of miracles is more up to date and appropriate than his canny interpretation of this thing called friendship. "Among real friends," he reasoned, "there is no rivalry or jealousy of one another, but they are satisfied and contented alike whether they are equal of one or them is superior."

J. C. Hare gives us this wistful and rather cynical appraisal of friendship: "We never know the true value of friends. While they live we are too sensitive of their faults; when we have lost them we only see their virtues." If you haven't been guilty of using the yardstick this way in measuring your friends, you're an unusual New Bernian.

A touch of the morbid is injected too in the writings of Fenelon when he says, "Real friends are our greatest joy and our greatest sorrow. It were almost to be wished that all true and faithful friends should expire on the same day."

Lord Chesterfield had no faith in the hail-fellow-well-met-sort of person. "Real friendship is a slow grower," he warned, "and never thrives unless engrafted upon a stock of known and reciprocal merit."

It could well be that George Eliot (a woman) had the same thing in mind when she wrote: "It is easy to say how we love new friends, and what we think of them, but words can never trace out all the fibers that knit us to the old."

You've often heard it said that a friend in need is a friend indeed. An old-time philosopher named Ennius put it a little differently but what he wrote adds up to the same thing. "A true friend is distinguished in the crisis of hazard and necessity; when the gallantry of his aid may show the worth of his soul and the loyalty of his heart."

Friendship, like love, is not a planned thing. "A friend is never chosen," says Barbauld. "A secret sympathy, the attraction of a thousand nameless qualities, a charm in the expression of countenance, even of voice or manner, a similarity of circumstances, these are the things that begin attachment."

That's what having a friend and being a friend is, so they say.

Historical Gleanings

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1841. Number and names of all the children in Districts No. 4 and 5 under the age of 18 years of age: Jane B. Lane, Elizabeth Lane, John H. Lane, Enoch H. Lane, William B. Lane, Sarah G. Carmon, Levina Arnold, Sarah Ann Arnold, Elizabeth Arnold, James Arnold, Susan Brock, Julia Borek, Sarah Brock, Robert Brock, Allen Brock, Alexander Brock, John Brock, John Fern, Mary Fern, Mary Ann French, Lew-ezer M. French, Jeremiah F. French, Mary Ann Green, George Green, Cicero Green, Hannah Brock, Sarah Woods, George Fern, Permely Witherington, Aldridge Witherington, Rual Witherington, Louisa Witherington, Abner Witherington, William H. Witherington, Sara C. Tucker, Osida Humphrey, Joseph Humphrey, Susan Green, signed by Committeemen Elisha Arnold, Burton Carman, Jeremiah Fonvielle.

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Village Verses

AIR CASTLES

Long years ago a boy and girl
Built castles in the air;
They planned to have a bungalow,
And little kiddies there.
Fate decreed that they would part
Along a moon-kissed lane;
But neither of them ever thought
They'd never meet again.
An old man sits beside the fire,
And mumbles in his chair;
He's dreaming of a blue-eyed girl,
And castles in the air.

—JGMCD.

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